

Lanesboro City Council
Monday, August 6, 2012
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Rahn, Joe O'Connor, Tom Dybing, Keith Eide and Ceil Allen

Absent:

Visitors: Roy House, David Tacke, Pat Gemlo, Dale Forrester, Frank Wright, Beth Hennessey, Robbie Brokken, Jade Wangen, Lisa Brainard, Bonnie Handmacher, Andy Batstone, Don Bell, Anna Loney, Bonita Underbakke, Ken Soiney, Robert Thompson, Bryce and Robin Dawson, Julie Kiehne, Dave Hennessey and Renee Bergstrom

REGULAR MEETING:

Rahn called the regular meeting to order.

Dybing made a motion to approve the agenda with adding Robert Thompson with Assessments, Commonweal Strong Beer Designation, Administrator Request and Special Meetings, second by O'Connor, motion carried.

The Special Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2012 were approved with a motion by Allen, second Dybing, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2012 were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second Allen, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

- A. **Tim Penny, SMIF – Annual Review:** Penny noted that he appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Council and wished to share what SMIF has been doing this year, noting that the foundation's focus was early childhood and entrepreneurship. He provided packets to the Council that included maps showing how the resources have been spread out. He noted that SMIF appreciates the donations that Lanesboro has made in the past and hopes that the City will continue to support the foundation.
- B. **Resolution Request – Members of the Public in regards to Frac Sand Mining:** Various people were present to represent a group of citizens of Lanesboro and the surrounding areas. The group presented a resolution that they are asking the Council to pass. Andy Batstone noted that he and others felt that the frac sand mining could involve numerous vehicles hauling the sand and could impact the downtown business' if they chose to route the trucks on Highway 250. He noted that here was an economic concern for downtown businesses and for property values of those living along that roadway. They did ask the Council to remove the sentence (extend.....to allow time). They noted once the County ordinance goes into effect there is a potential for trucks to haul through town. Frank Wright noted that the Chamber presented a letter of concern to the County Commissioners. Many speakers noted the health and safety factors, the noise factor and the possible effect on the water. Traffic was a concern as well for those living along Highway 250. Allen noted that tourism brings in so much revenue to the community and that it could be affected by the

frac sand mining. After much discussion, O'Connor made a motion to send the County Commissioners a letter in regards to approving the resolution presented with the removal of the one line, with the addition of Council support of the Chamber letter that has already been presented, second Dybing, motion carried.

- C. **Ken Soiney, River Rat Outfitters – No Glass on the River Ordinance:** Soiney noted that he has personally put garbage receptacles on the landing by the Highway 250 Bridge to help eliminate the garbage on the river. He noted that one would not believe the amount of glass that is in the garbage and on the river banks. He noted that he continually finds busted glass and feels that we need to keep the river free of glass. He noted that Vince Jeannette has done a great job by providing onion bags to help clean up the river, but he feels like an ordinance banning glass on the river in Lanesboro is an option that we have. Vickerman and Manion will look into the options of this ordinance.
- D. **Robert Thompson, Citizen – Assessments:** Thompson noted that he feels the Council has made a mistake. He thinks the assessments should be removed. He noted if the light posts were not assessed to properties, and then neither should other utilities, such as the water line in his case. He noted that the water line and the storm sewer should both be removed from the assessments. He asked the Council if they lived on his street would they want to pay for a water line that feeds the Brooklyn area. He noted that if the Council felt they were going to assess the Auburn project next that a property owner on that street would make it difficult for them to pass. Rahn asked the attorney about the assessments. Manion noted that the assessments have to be uniform and equitable, to which Manion noted that the judge determined that the benefit bestowed was equitable. Discussion occurred in regards to the assessment policy, no action was requested at this time, it was noted that the assessment policy at this time would not be reviewed retroactively but will be reviewed prior to other projects.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- A. **EDA: July 18th - Eide:** Eide reported that the EDA reviewed the 20/20 document noting that the joint meeting was held. He noted that the EDA also explored the Assisted Living option and noted that the EDA wants to work with the Housing Authority. He noted that Julie Kiehne reported that the Chamber has a new website that has been launched.
- B. **Library: July 10th - Allen:** Allen noted that the Library would be working on the wall mural.
- C. **Park: July 17th - Rahn:** Rahn reported that the staff built a new bridge over at the campground, the bathhouse and a shelter will be resingled and that the road needed to be repaired to the campground, the Park Board is working with Yaggy to determine what could be done with the road.
- D. **Chamber Update:** Julie Kiehne noted that the Chamber has taken the Lanesboro 20/20 document and area comparing it with their strategic plan and seeing how the plans complement each other.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- A. Paying of the Bills:** Dybing made a motion to approve the bills as presented and any additional ordinary bills until the next meeting, second Eide, motion carried.
- B. Buffalo Bill Days Review:** Vickerman noted that despite the rain the event went very well, she noted that there have not been any complaints so far, but have been many compliments on the weekend. It was noted that the Legends play turned out well.
- C. Commonweal Strong Beer Request:** Rahn made a motion to approve the request, second Dybing, motion carried.
- D. Administrator Request:** Vickerman noted that she had been asked by some people to consider coaching the Varsity Volleyball team for Lanesboro. She noted that she did submit her application, and let the school know that she could only be considered if the Council approved of the extra job. Dybing made a motion to allow Vickerman to seek the position, second Allen, motion carried.
- E. Miscellaneous:** Vickerman was asked to check on the Verizon 4G and a dish that has been added.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: O'Connor made a motion to adjourn, second Eide, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk
